

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2021

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to our official newspapers and other publications circulated in the Borough of Old Tappan, and notice posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Absent
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

Also Present:	Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch
	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Jr.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Thomas Gallagher

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Matthew Daly - DPW Maintenance Worker

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Boyce

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Kaitlin Mitchel - Recording Secretary - Various Boards

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1179-21 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher described the ordinance and made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1180-21 – Capital Ordinance - Various Sewer Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Boyce described the ordinance and made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Boyce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1181-21 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions (Fully Funded) – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher described the ordinance and made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1182-21 – Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits & Establish a Cap Bank – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher described the ordinance and made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Yhu

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes

Councilman Carnazza	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1183-21 – 2021 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher described the ordinance and made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Carnazza read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Councilmen Gallagher and Yhu abstained on Certification of LOSAP Lists.

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/FIRE

Contacted the Fire Chief about the first responders being recognized at the May 17th meeting. They were happy to hear that and will attend

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Read the Police Department Activity Report for March 2021. Both the Girl and Boy Scouts visited Police Headquarters. Students at TBD were presented with the Stranger Danger Program. Vouchers were issued to children wearing bicycle helmets. An essay contest was held and prizes awarded to the top 3 winners. This was paid for by the Police Officers Association. Read a letter received from a resident praising the officers that helped him on a medical call.

He read Councilman Nalbandian's report:

DPW interviews were conducted for the top 3 candidates selected by the DPW Superintendent. All 3 were extremely qualified and were excellent candidates. Matthew Daly was unanimously selected by the DPW Committee, DPW Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. He has an electrical background.

Councilman Nalbandian also asked him to bring up the timing of the Chestnut Field and Oakes Park memorial dedications for their respective parents.

Mayor Kramer stated that the dedications were never officially approved, only discussed. We can look back at meeting minutes to determine what, if any, action was taken.

Councilman Yhu stated that having sitting council members suggest memorials for their own family members might seem self-serving.

Councilman Binaghi said yes, which is why we kept family members names out of the suggestions for the streets in the Pearson Development. Last time he brought the memorials up no one had any negative comments. He has wanted to be transparent from the very beginning. Councilman Gallagher explained the way he remembered the discussion on the memorials. We should be careful on who introduces and seconds any motions on memorials for family members.

This will be added to the next meeting for discussion under Old Business.

COUNCILMAN YHU – FIRST AID/SCHOOLS/SENIORS

The Boards of Education plans to fully reopen the schools on May 3rd. Both boards will be holding their annual budget hearings on April 26th. He plans on attending the High School's hearing.

The Library continues with browse and borrow 6 days a week. They are seeing more and more patrons on a weekly basis.

He met with the Senior Advisory Committee last week and they are anxious to get their activities going again. They will be getting the exercise programs going first and hoping to have an outdoor Lunch and Learn sometime in the summer. They would like to try and reach out to more seniors in town.

The First Aid Corps responded to 25 calls in March. They participated in incident de-escalation training. He reached out to their Captain in regard to the May 17th proclamation ceremony and they are all on board for that.

The Alumni in Recovery community presentation will be coming up in May, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. He will send out an email to the Mayor and Council asking them to bring it up to all of their boards and committees.

Mayor Kramer explained that he had to call for medical help the other day and the Police Department and First Aid Corps did a fabulous job. It is a comfort to have such great services serving our community.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

They are trying to weather proof the awnings at the Golf Course. There has been a large increase in memberships this year. The cart path work is being scheduled.

The Environmental Commission is excited to begin working on the Chestnut Field Community Garden project. There are some questions from the Commission as to what their powers are when it comes to making and enforcing rules related to the garden.

He spoke about the emerald ash borer problem we are having with the trees. He explained that Woodcliff Lake is having the same issue and what they are doing to remedy it. Our trees are way too far in decline and it would not be effective or affordable to do it.

Mayor Kramer will get in touch with the Woodcliff Lake mayor and let me him know that we will not be participating in the treatments since our trees are too far gone.

We are going to be receiving a heritage oak tree for planting somewhere in town.

Explained what occurred at the last Planning Board meeting in regard to 2 applications that came before them.

Senator Gottheimer will be honoring the Boy and Girl Scouts who have achieved the highest ranks sometime in May. He will submit the Old Tappan names so they can be recognized.

Councilman Gallagher asked if the Environmental Commission has discussed raising the Community Garden fees.

Councilman Boyce said yes and they will be voting on it at the next meeting. They will also

discuss the waiting list.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

He, along with several Recreation Commission members, attended the funeral of Joseph Fernandez and had proposed doing a scholarship in his name. The family is not interested in doing anything at this time but they do appreciate the thought and maybe in the future something can be done.

The Board of Health reports 386 COVID cases in Old Tappan. This is the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that she has been working on the Memorial Day Parade and went over the specifics. Discussion ensued.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Carnazza made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, March 15, 2021
- Regular Meeting, March 15, 2021
- Regular & Executive Meetings, April 5, 2021

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1184-21 – Amend Recreation Fees – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1185-21 – Prohibit Cannabis Business Operation – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1186-21 – Prohibit Electronic Vapor Business Operation – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Councilman Boyce distributed a map in regard to sidewalks in the area of Lindy Place and Amelia Drive at the request of Mike Alessi. Mr. Alessi would like to see sidewalks installed and connected in this area for safer walking. Discussion ensued.

The Borough Engineer will be asked to take a look at the area and report back at the next meeting.

Councilman Gallagher asked the status of the ADA ramps installation on Central Avenue. Have the homeowners in the affected areas been contacted.

Mr. Giblin explained that he has spoken to the County Engineer working on the project and he has tried get in touch with the County Counsel but he has not been able to reach him yet. He will report back as soon as he makes contact.

Councilman Gallagher asked that the Property Maintenance Officer take a look at the run-down houses on Central Avenue because something need to be done with them.

Mrs. Haverilla will speak to him tomorrow.

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: May 17, 2021

